

City of Union Oregon NEWSLETTER

"PROMOTE RURAL VALUES, PROTECT LOCAL ASSETS AND FOSTER COMMUNITY PRIDE"

City Hall

Monday Thursday 10 am ~ 5pm
CLOSED for Lunch Noon ~ 2 pm
Fridays CLOSED

Union Carnegie Library

Monday 10 am ~ 6pm
Tuesday ~ Thursday 10am ~ 5pm
Fridays 10 am ~ 4 pm

Ordinance Education Corner....

Vacancies in Office:

Chapter VII Section 32 & 33

Section 32. When Office Is Vacant. An office shall be deemed vacant upon the incumbent's death, insanity, conviction of a felony, resignation, removal from the city, absence from the city for a period of 30 days without the consent of the council, or ceasing to possess the qualifications necessary for the office; or upon the failure of the person elected or appointed to an office to qualify therefor on or before the day his term of office commences; and in the case of the mayor or a member of the council, in addition to the above causes, upon his absence from meetings of the council for a period of 60 days without the consent of the council.

Section 33. Filling of Vacancies. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment of the council, and the appointee shall serve the unexpired term of his predecessor. Within 24 hours after his appointment, an officer appointed to fill a vacancy must qualify for the office as in case of an officer elected and, in case he fails to so qualify, be deemed to have declined the office and the office shall be deemed vacant.

POWERS & DUTIES OF CITY OFFICERS: Chapter V Section 20, 21, & 22

Section 20. Mayor. The mayor shall be the executive officer of the city and shall exercise a careful supervision over its general affairs. He shall appoint the committees provided for under the rules of the council, or otherwise, and by appointment shall fill all vacancies in committees of the council from that body. He shall sign all approved proceedings of the council and countersign all orders on the city [treasury]. He shall have no veto power and shall sign all ordinances passed by the city council within three days after their passage. He shall sign all writings authorized by this charter, the laws of the state or the council. He shall approve, with the consent of the council, all official bonds and bonds for licenses, contracts and proposals. With the consent of the council, he shall have power to remove or suspend any appointive officer or public employe of the city for any cause which he deems sufficient and shall state the cause in the order of removal or suspension.

Section 21. Municipal Judge. The municipal judge shall be the judicial officer of the city. He shall hold within the city a court known as the municipal court for the city of Union, Union County, Oregon. Except on nonjudicial days, the court shall be open for the transaction of judicial business as prescribed by the laws of the state. The jurisdiction of the court shall be the city. The municipal judge shall exercise original and exclusive jurisdiction of all crimes and offenses defined and made punishable by an ordinance of the city, and of all actions brought to recover or enforce forfeitures or penalties defined or authorized by an ordinance of the city. The municipal judge shall have authority to issue process for the arrest of persons accused of an offense against the ordinances of the city, to commit such persons to jail or admit them to bail pending trial, to issue subpoenas, to compel witnesses to appear and testify before him on the trial of any cause before him, to compel obedience to such subpoenas, to issue any process necessary to carry into effect the judgments of the municipal court, and to punish witnesses and others for contempt of the court. When not governed by ordinance or this charter, all proceedings in the municipal court for the violation of a city ordinance shall be governed by the applicable general laws of the state governing justices of the peace and justice courts. Trials in the municipal court of cases of violation of city ordinances shall be had without a jury.

Section 22. Recorder. The recorder shall be ex officio clerk of the council, attend all the meetings of the council, and keep an accurate record of its proceedings in a book provided for that purpose. In his absence from a council meeting, the council shall appoint a clerk of the council pro tempore, who, while acting in that capacity, shall have all the authority of the recorder. The recorder shall countersign all writings authorized by this charter, the council or the law of the state.





Union Carnegie Public Library

~September Activities~



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FOR ANOTHER EXCELLENT GRASSROOTS BAKE & BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER!! WE APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK. THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HAVE PURCHASED NEW BOOKS TO CHECK OUT. STOP BY TO SEE THE NEW TITLES.

STORYTIME EVERY TUESDAY FROM 10AM-11AM. WE WILL READ TOGETHER THE FIRST HALF HOUR AND THEN CRAFT.

- 9/1 WATER BALLOON VOLLEYBALL
- 9/8 TRUCK COLORING
- 9/15 SUNFLOWER ART
- 9/22 2ND BREAKFAST TEA PARTY
- 9/29 POP-UP ART



ADULT CRAFTS SELECT MONDAYS FROM 5PM-6PM

- 9/14 HORSE HAIR BRACELETS
- 9/21 RECIPE EXCHANGE
- 9/29 FEATHER PENS



AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS, 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS FROM 4PM-5PM

- 9/1 WATERMELON BEADING
- 9/15 PAN FLUTES



UNION CARNEGIE LIBRARY
182 S MAIN, UNION OR
541~562~5811

TIFFANY DERICHWEILER ~ LIBRARIAN





THE CITY OF UNION
IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR
CITY ADMINISTRATOR / CITY RECORDER

APPLICATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP AT CITY HALL OR EMAILED
MONDAY ~ THURSDAY FROM 10:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM

APPLICATION, RESUME, & COVER LETTER CAN BE SUBMITTED
IN PERSON TO CITY HALL OR EMAIL TO recruiting@cityofunion.com

FOR A FULL JOB POSTING AND COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION
PLEASE CONTACT CITY HALL OR VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE UNDER
MORE, THEN EMPLOYMENT & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30TH 2026 @
5:00 PM FOR THE FIRST APPLICATION REVIEW, POSITION
OPEN UNTIL FILLED

It's The Perfect Time....

LET'S PREPARE FOR COLDER WEATHER

As fall fast approaches, the next few month's while the weather is still cooperative, it's the perfect time to prepare for those cold winter months that we know will soon be upon us.

What can you do now to prepare?

- ◆ Check doors/windows for air leaks and repair weatherstrip if needed.
- ◆ Check the furnace and make sure it is running efficiently and serviced if needed, and change out the filters.
- ◆ Do you have a woodstove or fireplace? Be sure to have the chimney professionally cleaned and checked prior to starting your first fire of the season.
- ◆ Check plumbing under the house, it's a great idea to heat wrap/insulate pipes to prevent frozen pipes this winter.

Put your mind at ease, take care of these few things now and go into winter knowing you are prepared.

Don't forget to put up those house numbers now too! If emergency services can't find your house it could cause precious minutes that could have saved a life or your home.

The City's New Website has LAUNCHED!!

Also follow us on Facebook for notices, posting and other information. In the Coming Months we will be starting some new features for communicating with the Community thru the New Website. Be on the Look Out for those, because subscribing will be necessary.
Good things are coming soon!!



Burn Ban In Effect

There is a burn ban in effect beginning July 1st and goes through the summer months until September 30th.

Please note: The city follows the regulations of the county, so if the county extends the burn ban the city will also extend their burn ban.





What's Happening at the Museum....

For some reason September seems to have arrived faster than normal. There have been several historic and fun events at the museum in spite of the heat and smoke. An upcoming event to look forward to is a yard sale September 11th and 12th from 8 to 4 at the Little White Church. There will be a treasure trove of items. The yard sales are always fun because one never knows what unique item is just waiting to be discovered. The museum is also planning a special High Tea event October 3 at the Little White Church. Delicate and delicious finger sandwiches, petit fours, scones, mini quiches and rainbow mints will be served. Each person attending will be able to take a tea cup and saucer home. A special program including elegant attire from the past plus the history of the owner of the outfit, music, and other events which are being planned will make this a memorable tea party. Tickets are now on sale at the museum with the seating limited to 48 people. The volunteers who have been working on the High Tea are looking forward to this event. It has been a fun event to plan.

I noticed some porcelain in the museum with the word Nippon marked on the back. I have seen various items over the years with this particular marking and simply assumed it was another name for Japan. Items with the Nippon marking were made in Japan between 1891 and 1921. They were marked because United States law stated that ceramics had to be marked with the country of origin so manufacturers started using Nippon, the Japanese word for ceramics that were made in Japan.

Nippon wares were not sold in Japan with the Nippon mark but were sold in other countries. Now, Japanese collectors are eagerly purchasing Nippon ware to take back to collections in Japan.

Nippon ceramics used two decorating techniques. Coralene was made using small raised dots or glass beads and Moriage used pieces of clay shaped by hand or applied through a tube to make elaborate designs before the pieces were glazed. Needless to say, Nippon ware now has become quite valuable. It was reported that a Nippon plate with the portrait of a young woman recently sold for \$1,200.00. You may want to check vases, humidors, storage containers, plates and figurines to see if you own any of this unique collectible from Japan.

More next month.



Snippet of Union's History.....

The matter of widening Main street in North Union and a greater part of South Union is something that should receive the attention of the city council. It is only a question of time when it will become necessary and it could never be done as cheaply as at the present time. Main street, the entire length of the city should be made to conform with the part widened a few years ago. We are of the opinion the council could not make a better move at present than to have this work done.

La Grande Observer October 22, 1891



On the Original Oregon Trail Hwy

Mission: to Organize and Promote Constructive Relationships Between Local Government Bodies, Private Business and Citizens

Main Street Musings for August 2026

Main Street Union did not meet the month of August, a very busy summer! Main Street Union will be meeting on **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH in the Main Street office (251 S Main Street) at 7pm**. Discussing with members it was felt this might be a better day and time for Main Street to have its meetings. Remember, anyone interested in helping Union **Build on Community Assets** and **Make Union the Quality Community** we all wish to live, work, and invest in, are welcome. You do not need to own property on Main Street and you do not have to be from Union. **Main Street is an organization for Everyone.**

Topics to be discussed will be Main Street Union's participation in the **Halloween Kiddy Parade** always on the **Thursday before Halloween**, it usually starts around 2pm. This is one of my favorite events, the children from kindergarten through grade school get to wear their costumes and parade up Main Street and back to the school, businesses hand out candy from in front of their business. Community members are welcome to hand out candy to the children; you will need to plan for a little over 200 trick or treaters. Adults in costumes could really provide an additional flair to the event and enjoyment for the children. This event has been ongoing for more than 30 years and was started as a way to allow the children who lived away from the community and weren't able to come back into Union to Trick or Treat to do so. Any and all children of any age may join the Parade, it's a great way for them to Trick or Treat safely.

Halloween Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, and should again be in the school parking lot, community members are encouraged to set up a "Trunk" and decorate your area in appropriate Halloween décor. Times for this event will be posted in the September Musings which the City includes in its monthly newsletter, additional information on Main Street's events can be obtained by searching its website, **mainstreetunion.org**. A **Chair Person** is needed for this event.

Main Street produced another successful summer of music events in the Park on June 26th and July 31st. The June event saw Wasteland Kings perform. We made it a couple of hours before the rains came, it would be nice if that type of storm would show up sometime this month, but it was amazing to see well over 100 brave souls huddle under the large canopies Main Street provided and LJ Brewskis' large table umbrellas. The rain didn't seem to phase any of the children in attendance as they played in soaked clothes as if the rain didn't exist. The July 31st event had Elwood and friends playing on a hot and sunny, but smoke filled, evening. There was good attendance for this event with participants taking shelter from the sun in the shade of the trees, Main Streets Canopies, and LJ Brewskis table umbrellas. I think most of the children in attendance found the swimming hole behind the library as a way to escape the heat. These events could not be as successful as they are without the contributions of the generous sponsors. Main Street Union would like to thank: **Cove-Union-Powder Medical Assoc., Redcross Drug, Hotlake Springs Resort, Elhorn Media Group, Union Sanitation, City of Union Chamber of Commerce, Tri-County Equipment (John Deer), Anderson Perry, Catherine Creek Gardens & Gifts, J2K2 Bookkeeping, Union Lions Club, Main Street Barber, Moore Signs, Platz Family Farm, Rattle Tale Coffee & Such, Nod and Linda Palmer, Cove Timber Co., Union County Museum, Bighorns of Elgin, Sweetspot Ice Cream Truck, and David Davis.**

Main Street members assisted the City of Union Oregon Chamber of Commerce with another successful Grassroots event; Jana Dick was in charge of the vendors while Tara and Casey Brizendine helped run the car show. The Union Lions had their Train running up and down the event while the Union Rural Fire Department cooled down younger participants with a fire truck. Again, the event was a little smoky but people seem to be adjusting to the smoke from fires that have burned close to 5% of the total land in Oregon this summer.

Main Street Union **meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm** and will be meeting **at the Main Street Office (251 S Main Street)**, Anyone interested in helping **Union Build on Community Assets** and **Make Union the Quality Community** we all wish to live, work, and invest in, are welcome. Contact Walt Brookshire-President at 541-805-8689 if you have questions about Main Street Union or ideas where the organization may help Our Community. If you would like to help on one **MSU's important Community Events** you may contact President Walt Brookshire at 541-805-8689 or email Main Street at main-streetunion@gmail.com . Main Street Union would like to see you at their upcoming meeting.

COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:

- ⇒ Ordinances
- ⇒ College Street Bridge
- ⇒ Committees working on the City Charter, Water/Sewer, Zoning, Trails, and Ordinances



~City Council Members ~

Trisha Seale

Kori Cox

Anita Boyer-Davis

Jay Blackburn

Mayor Susan Hawkins



COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 2026

September 14th

Work Session @ 6:00 pm

Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

September 28th

Work Session @ 6:00 pm



All meetings are held in the Leonard Almquist Chambers at City Hall. <https://www.cityofunionor.gov>

ORGANIZATION	MEETING DATE	LOCATION	TIME	PHONE
Awana	Every Thurs/during school year	Baptist Church	6:30pm	541-562-5870
Catherine Creek Community Center	4th Thursday of month	Community Center	6:00pm	541-562-2038
City of Union Chamber	2nd Thurs of the month		6:00 pm	unionchamber@eoni.com
City Council	2nd Mon of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Council Work Sessions	2 nd & 4 th Mon of month	City Hall	6:00 pm	541-562-5197
CUP Medical Association	2 nd Tues of the month	251 S Main	6:00 pm	541-910-6268
Order of Eastern Star	2nd Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:00 pm	541-805-0779
EMS Department	1st Mon of the month	Rural Fire Hall	7:00 pm	
EOLS Board	2nd Tues of the month	EOLS Club House	7:00 pm	541-562-5631
Food Bank	3 rd Friday of the month	Catherine Creek Comm Ctr	10-11:00am	541-562-2038
Friends of the Library	2 nd Tues January, April, July & November	Union Library	5:30 pm	541-562-5807
Grande Ronde Valley Masonic	3 rd Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:30pm	
Historic Preservation Commission	3rd Wed of the month	City Hall	6:00pm	541-562-5197
Library Board	Feb 27th, May 22nd, Aug 21st	Library	9:00am	541-562-5811
Lions Club	3 rd Tues of the month	Catherine Creek Comm Ctr	5:30 pm	PO Box 337
Mainstreet Union	2nd Tuesday of the month	251 S Main Street	7:00 pm	541-805-8689
Planning Commission work session	4th Tuesday of the month	City Hall	5:00 pm	541-562-5197
Planning Commission business meeting			6:00 pm	
Senior / Community Meals	2nd Friday of the month	Catherine Creek Community Center	12:00 pm	541-562-2038
School Board	2nd Wed of the month	Athletic Complex	6:00 pm	541-562-5166
South County Health Dist	Last Friday of month Oct, Jan, April, and July	Health Clinic	1:30 pm	541-562-2222
Union Cemetery Board	2 nd Tues of the month	Union Cemetery Office	9:00 am	541-562-5212
Union FFA Alumni & Supporters	3rd Wednesday	UHS Ag Science Classroom at the back of the gym	6:30pm	541-975-9495
VFW Bingo	Every Wednesday night	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	6 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar